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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 3, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Susan Atkins, Mel Katz, Matthew Hervey, Judy McCarty, MaryAnne Pinter, Katie Sullivan

Absent: Susan Lew

Staff: Anna Tatár, Library Director; Liz Maland, City Clerk; Meryl Balko, Deputy Director; Esther Siman, Acting Deputy Director; Afshin Oskoui, Deputy Director; Jay Hill, Director of Development; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II; Carol Young, Senior Management Analyst

Public:

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

City Clerk Liz Maland conducted the swearing in of newly appointed Commissioner Atkins and reappointed Commissioners Katz, Hervey and Pinter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 2006 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

No report.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD:

No report.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Mel Katz

The new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch Library opened in December. Commissioner Sullivan provided accolades to staff regarding how well each new branch facility reflects its community. Commissioner Hervey added that the facilities leave a great impression from a donor's perspective. KUSI News coverage of the event was shown.

DEPUTY CHIEF UPDATE

No report.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Afshin Oskoui introduced Cynthia Meinhardt, who reviewed the written Capital Improvement Project Update report. Staff is working with the State Library regarding new Main Library plan review, and Library staff has been given the furnishing plans to review for the Main Library project.

The new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa facility is in its second development phase, which is the Children's art component funded by the First 5 Grant.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Anna Tatár

- Meryl Balko provided a summary of December activity at the new Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa library.
- Ms. Tatár reported that the One Book, One San Diego program will kick off with the reception at the Museum of Photographic Arts on January 10. In addition, a proclamation will be presented at the City Council meeting on January 16, and an author lecture will take place at the Central Library on February 12.
- Jay Hill provided a Development Program update. There was a 41 percent increase in dollars for the year end campaign. Approximately \$650,000 has been contributed to the matching funds this fiscal year, and over \$1 million in estate gifts has been received. Commissioners Sullivan and Hervey provided a combined challenge grant of \$50,000 to the Library Foundation, which was matched by more than \$65,000 in contributions.

- The Live Homework Help online service provided by Tutor.com will be up and running before February. The San Diego Unified School District has agreed to provide an \$89,000 contribution, and a private donor has raised an additional \$70,000 to fund the service.
- The Local Authors Reception will take place on Saturday, January 27.
- Staff is working on resolving technical issues regarding participation in the Library Circuit.
- Ms. Tatár thanked the Commissioners for their support throughout the last year.

AGENDA ITEMS, Cont.

10.b Budget Update

Staff is continuing to work on Business Process Re-engineering (BPR) in order to streamline operations. The Mayor's Office will consider the feasibility of a City-County library merger as a means of creating efficiencies in the delivery of library services.

10.c Legislative Update

No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hervey inquired about the status of the new Main Library construction grant. Mr. Oskoui reported that the State Library has informed staff that the grant is secure as long as progress continues to be made on the project. However, construction of the library cannot proceed until \$50 million in donations has been obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Katz adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.



ANNA TATÁR
Library Director

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